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Rep. Slaughter Applauds Enactment of Bill Providing \$1.2 Million to Rehabilitate Fillmore Avenue in Buffalo

Washington, DC – Congresswoman Louise M. Slaughter (D-NY-28), Chairwoman of the House Committee on Rules, today applauded the enactment of H.R. 1195, a technical corrections bill that provides \$1.2 million in federal funds to restore a section of Fillmore Avenue in Buffalo, NY.

The legislation was approved by the House and Senate in April and the President signed it into law today.

Over the years, Fillmore Avenue, a major north-south thoroughway in Buffalo, has fallen into a state of disrepair. H.R. 1195 designates federal funds to reconstruction efforts on the section of Fillmore Avenue between William Street and Sycamore Avenue.

“I am so pleased that the funds have been made available to rebuild and improve this section of Fillmore Avenue,” said Rep. Slaughter. **“Repairing sidewalks and installing street lamps is the first critical step in transforming Fillmore Avenue into a safe and attractive hub of economic activity.”**

The funding will be used to repair the existing pavement and sidewalks, install new curbs, handicapped ramps, and drainage structures, and improve street lighting.

The project will be overseen by the City of Buffalo and is supported by the New York State Department of Transportation, the Buffalo Common Council, the Erie County Legislature, local businesses and the surrounding community.

BACKGROUND

In March 2007, H.R. 1195, the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users Technical Corrections Act (SAFETEA-LU Technical Corrections Act) passed in the House of Representatives by a voice vote. In April 2008, the Senate passed the bill with amendments and the House accepted those changes. Today, the President signed the legislation into law.

This funding for Fillmore Avenue is just one component of H.R. 1195, a broad bill that will remedy problems plaguing transportation projects across the country and promote 40,000 good-paying American jobs in transportation and construction.

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